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BITTER STRUGGLE IS RAGING FUH GHUUND VITAL TO ENEMY: MAGNIFICENT BATTERY WORK LIKE MAN POWER BREAKS UP HUN DEFENCES Hot Exchanges in Debate Over Service Bill at Ottawa

Early Stages of Battle of Menin Favorable DELEGATE DEAN FOR IT To British, and Full Success Will Mean London Representative Ad-One of Greatest Achievements of the War.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Sept. 20. - (By the Associated Press.) - Field Marshal Haig's offensive, which was begun at dawn this morning on the Belgian battlefront, is proceeding with marked success, especially in the crucial sector between the Ypres-Roulers railway and Hollebeke.

MAXIMALISTS SOON

IN FULL CONTROL:

NEW CRISIS NEAR

FOR RUSS REPUBLIC

When In Control Will Propose

General Peace to the

Belligerents.

Petrograd, Sept. 20 .- Some news-

apers say that the Maximalists are

gaining complete control of the Sol-

that the situation promises to reach a

crisis when the democratic congress

that the friends of Premier Kerensky

the councils of the Soldiers' Vorkmen's delegates are losing

Will Propose Peace.

Among the chief features of the ram of the Moscow Council of iers' and Workmen's delegates are

EXPLOSION BLEW OUT

and she sank in twenty minutes.

REVOLUTIONARY FORCES

A bitter fight is in progress in the neighborhood of Inverness Copse, Nun's Wood and Glencorse Wood. If the attacks maintain the positions to which they have advanced in this section they have accomplished one of the most remarkable and most important achievement in recent mouths. ments in recent months.

A Desperate Resistance.
The German infantry is making a most determined resistance to retain this vital ground, and the Teuton artillery is retaliating heavily against the British guns.
Today's offensive will be known as the Battle of the Menin Road. Fair weather has improved the ground, but the mud still was deep and the whole territory covered with water-filled shell-holes, tangled barbed wire and shattered trees. The German defences were composed largely of concrete retrees. The German defences were composed largely of concrete redoubts, from which the enemy poured a wicked stream of bullets into the ranks of the advancing troops. Every little elevation and all the woods were choked with rapid fire guns.

The British encountered hard fighting at many places, but their magnificent artillery work had done much to make the first stage their drive easier.

U. S. SOLDIERS WRECK LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE INDUSTRIALS

Methodically Destroy Furniture, Paper and Equipment At Headquarters.

Los Angeles, Sept. 20.—A crowd of soldiers, variously estimated at from two to four hundred, wrecked the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World here late last night. Typewriters and furniture were broken, windows smashed and movables demolished. There were no reported casualties.

The soldiers marched to the headquarters. At a command they halted quarters. At a command they halted and remained in line while three or four of their number stepped inside and told Philip McLoughlin, secretary and the commissaries.

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The soldiers and formation, workmen's delegates are the chief branches of the chief br

destroyed all the furni- WANT BELGIUM HELD.

TAKING REFERENDUM OVER STRIKE QUESTION

Chicago, Sept. 20.—The referendum on a strike of 8,000 great lakes seamen, firemen and oilers is to be concluded next Monday, according to assertions today by Chicago leaders. The resolution being voted on provides for a strike on October 1 of all members of the Seamen's Union and the Marine Firemen's Oilers and Water Tenders' Union if the Lake Carriers' Association before that agreed to extend the pro ns of the Atlantic agreement to the blew out almost one side of the steamer

TO TIGHTEN BLOCKADE. In Munister of Blockade, and Albert Metin, under-secretary of the French Foreign Office, in charge of blockade matters, had a conference here yesterday, with the object of gaining closer co-operation with the United States in a policy which aims at exercising more rigid pressure on the enemy. This policy will be cartied out without interference with the seconomic condition of neutral countries.

IN MUNSIER 1836

Odessa, Sept. 20.—An imposing demonstration of revolutionary forces was held here yesterday under the auspices of the Local Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates. Soldiers and workmen marched in a monster parade, bearing banners inscribed "Long Live the Provisional Government," "Down With Scondinfol" "Long Live the Democratic Republie"

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Convention.

vises Acceptance of Military Service Law.

Delegate J. A. Murphy (Ottawa)-"for 57 years I have enjoyed the protection of the British flag and British nation, and I know now that there is no fower on earth that can take it away from me. That's how I stand on the question of conscription. Someone referred to mobs. do not think that there is any likelihood of this occurring. I still desire to hold allegiance to my country and her principles-and to keep con-nected with the Empire. I still prefer Lloyd George to Bethmann-Hollweg-and King George to Kaiser Wilhelm. If you agree with me on this—then we stand together—If not -then I stand alone. This is a serious question, and there will likely be lots of discussion and "gas" before It is finished. But as far as I am concerned, | am prepared to stand by the history of the past."

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—When the session of the trades and labor congress opened this morning a motion that the election of officers be set for the first business to be transacted tomorrow morning was put and lost.

Upon the resumption of the debate upon the conscription resolution, Delegate Farmille of Edmonton proposed the following amendment to the executive committee's report, which was seconded by Delegate Alex. Ross, M. P. P., Calgary:

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"That all words after existence in the thirteenth line of the section of the executive council's report be Continued on Page Nine. diers' and Workmen's delegates and M.

meets. The Russkia Volkia declares affuence and that the premier, who is a close touch with the situation, has etermined to address the congress imself. The Government is said to ensider the resignation of M. Tchernoff WAR-BREAD FLOUR AT

this city, though it has not yet been ment, Cropholm had maintained si nd told Philip McLoughlin, secretary of the local, and two or three loungers the local, and two or three loungers of the local, and two or three loungers at they were going to "wreek the lace." The soldiers then entered and want per cuttum upin cent extraction" and "81 per cent ex-

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Berlin. Sept. 19-Via London. Sept. 20-Will some being described for Saturday. The sept. 19-Via London sept. 20-Will some sept. 20-Will s

ONE SIDE OF STEAMER Cents or so a barrel."

In any case, a conference is to take place between the food controller and representatives of the Dominion Millers' Association in the course of a few days to fix a maximum price for Ontario wheat flour.

LALUMIERE COMMITTED.

Moutreal, Sept. 20.—Elie Lalumiere, one of the alleged dynamite gang, was committed to stand trial before the association in the course of a few days to fix a maximum price for Ontario game this morning on a charge of con-

was sunk by an explosion near Cape Farewell, N. Z., carried no passengers, CITIES WILL FURNISH but a valuable cargo. The explosion

Regina. Sept. 19.—That only 1,500 men are expected to be secured from Saskatchewan in the first draft was the statement made today to the Canadian Press from a high official source, who stated that the cities of the province would furnish almost all the men and lically untouched.

The original charge against Elie Lalumiere was the attempted murder of Lord Atholstan and his family, but Judge St. Cyr held that the evidence was not sufficient to commit Lalumiere on the more serious charge.

A STIFF SENTENCE.

Hamilton, Sept. 20.—John Burns of Brantford, who pleaded guilty to find the serious charge.



bridge was put on its last swing, which would make it dangerous hoisting link at 10:30, sixtyfour hoists of two feet each having been made.

wind held up the operations in connec- two hoists were taken in 28 minutes. ion with the raising of the central span engineers took their places at the rais- termo

Quebec, Sept. 20.—The ing jacks this morning. For several drive was directed toward Roulers and central span of the Quebec hours a careful watch was kept on the driving a wedge further into the Gerto continue lifting.

The tests reassured the engineers, and t was decided to go on with the lifting at 9 o'clock. The jacks were started and Quebec, Sept. 20 .- A 25-mile-an-hour found to be working smoothly, so that tion with the raising of the central span It was computed by the engineers that of the Quebec bridge, which had only if this rate of speed could be maintained thirty more feet to travel, when the the bridge should be completed this af-

LATER.

SWEDEN PROTESTS TO ARTILLERY ACTIVE LONDON MILLS MAKE BERLIN GOVERNMENT AT VARIOUS PARTS

Declares Confidence Grossly Abused in Luxburg Affair.

London, Sept. 20 .- A Stockholm disatch to Reuter's says that the Swedish minister at Berlin has been instructed protest to Germany against the Luxurg incident, it being "confirmed that erman official seriously abused the onfidence of Sweden."

CRONHOLM DENIES IT. ico City, Sept. 20.—Folke Cron-former attache of the Swedish ed him a decoration in a German or-er, or that he received any such decor-tion. Cronholm also denied that he ad "furnished the German minister with information gathered amongst the bread is being milled right along in enemies of his country in Mexico."

Previous to making the above stateregarding the dispatch made public by United States Secretary of State Lan-sing, in which Minister von Eckhardt recommended Cronholm for a decora-

EXEMPTED BY STATES:

of 76 names of men who have obtained immunity from service in the United inary States national army by declaring that I into they are British subjects. have been subjects to be subjected by the subject of the subject

The price side of the question was broached to Mr. Dexter, who is milling from a farm near Leduc, Alta., 1an away from home to enlist, and reached Calgary Tuesday after a 173-mile walk. ittle cheaper." he said, "probably ten its or so a barrel." He failed to pass the medical exam

sizes this morning on a charge of con-spiring to commit criminal offences. All the other alleged conspirators were com-

OF FRENCH FRONT

Petain's Batteries Hammering Fritz at Several Points.

Paris, Sept. 20 .- Except for artillery activity, which was lively at various parts of the battle front in France last night, the official statement issued this afternoon by the French war office says there was nothing of importance to report. The text of the statement reads: "There was nothing to report except great activity of the artillery region south of the River Oise,

MAYOR MITCHEL WINS REPUBLICAN NOMINATION AT NEW YORK PRIMARY

New York, Sept. 20.—Mayor J. P. Mitchel won the Republican mayoralty nomination in yesterday's primaries by a plurality of 1,129 votes over William M. Bennett. With only two districts missing out of 2,060, Mayor Mitchel's vote was 26,645 Judge John Hylan of Brooklyn, Democratic candidate for mayor,

BERNIER ARRIVES FROM FAR NORTH, ALL WELL

the Canadian explorer, reached here to-day from the Far North, all well. WEST OPTIMISTIC:

COMES BACK STRONG Manager of Huron & Erie Expresses RUSH FOR INFORMATION Pleasure at Conditions on Prairies.

Major Hume Cronyn, manager of the Huron & Erie, who has just returned Huron & Erie, who has just returned from a trip to the West, states that the most optimisic feeling prevails prevails in that section of the country. "They are feeling very well," he declared, "The crop was much better than was anticipated and the quality was high. They are in a most optimistic frame of mind, Winnipeg is coming back rapidly, and the residents of that city are most hopeful. The West is in good shape now."

"Some" Nerve

Montreal, Sept. 20.—While Do-minion police, provincial, city and private detectives were hunt-ing in Eastern Ontario for the alleged dynamiter, Monette, alias alleged dynamiter, Monette, alias Girard, that much-wanted person was quietly enjoying life in the neighborhood of his old home in this city. One day he had the temerity to stroll into the city hall and even take the elevator up to the recorder's court. He departed without having been recognized. At this time the police net was supposed to have been firmly drawn around the whole island of Montreal.

HAIG SMASHES GERMANS AGAIN, TAKING VALUABLE POSITIONS: PLANS TO ISOLATE SUB BASES

THE WAR SITUATION

Early this morning the British infantry went "over the top" on a wide front east of Ypres and the Flanders offensive was on again. The rush was success ful at the outset, for the capture of positions of value were reported by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig during the forenoon and the progress made was described as satisfactory.

FOLLOWS LONG PAUSE.

The renewal of the offensive came af ter a long pause, in which intensive preparatory work had been carried on unceasingly. The fighting in this period, indeed, was such as to pile up heavy casualties on both sides, while the crushing drumfire from the British guns has been admitted by the Germans to have had a destructive effect on their posi-

Early reports did not outline definitely the extent of the front attacked, but a clue seems to have been furnished by Berlin, which yesterday reported the drumfire to be pounding the line from Houtholst Wood, some five miles south of Dixmude, to the River Lys, a distance of about 15 miles. This would indicate that the main force of man Flanders front and eventually compelling a German abandonment of the Belgian coast, with its valuable submarine and aerial bases. The civilian population is recently reported to have been removed from towns in the German rear along a wide stretch of this front, including the two cities named

ONLY CAPTAIN SAVED WHEN BARGE SINKS ON LAKE ONTARIO

Kingston, Sept. 20. --The barge Hiawatha, belonging to the Montreal Transportation Company, with coal from Sodus, N.Y., for Kingston, went down in Lake Ontario during the night. All on board with the exception of the captain were lost. A tug is bringing the survivor and other barges to Kingston.

Those on board included the captain, three deck hands, a cook and her assistant, the cook's little daughter, and it is thought perhaps two other women. It may be that some of these have been picked up by other steamers.

FEW UNFITS FOUND AMONG "ELIGIBLES" WHO COME TO BOARD

liminary Medical Test Up To Standard.

Between 30 and 40 Applied Last Night To the Board To Learn Fate Under Draft.

day the number of men who seek examinations in seek examinations increases. Wednesday evening a spent 19.—Prussia. Sask... will adytime, they were told to come back in about thirty or forty arrived, but as the morning. Today quite a number appeared and were told whether they were som Regina met the town council at at place Tuesday night, when it was exided to offer a prize for the best active of the way of a new name, and new names found disfavor with the eterans.

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Gay the number of men who seek examinations, and each in the well each of the number of men who seek examinations in recases. Wednesday evening about thirty or forty arrived, but as the morning. Today quite a number appeared and lowest the morning. Today quite a number appeared and were told whether they were fit or not. Most of the men who ask for an examination are fit, according to an examination are fit, according to an officer in charge, and few have been found unfit so far.

Four recruits were attested Wednesday to the well of the men who ask for an examination are fit, according to Berlin and Hamburg news-papers, was on a limited scope.

COL, HENRY SMITH DEAD

Was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Demlinitations in the functions in the way of a new name, and the prussian militarism is crushed.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during week on German stock markets. So-called peace shares, such as shipping and colonial stocks, made gains, while munition stocks were correspondingly munition stocks were corr Lt.-Col. Douglass, who went overseas second in command of the 34th, was at the mobilization centre today, in order to familiarize himself with the details of the work with a view to the possibity of his taking charge of one of the newly established centres.

AUSTRIA DESPERATE

in Effort to Stop Italians.

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Rome, Sept. 19.—(Delayed)—Prisoners taken by the Italians on the Carso front includes several Turks, which proves, Italian army officers say, that Austria-Hungary is getting reserves from every possible quarter in making a last desperate effort to stem the Italian advance.

took suddenly ill at dinner in the Fronteness to includes several Turks, which proves, Italian army officers say, that Austria-Hungary is getting reserves from every possible quarter in making a last desperate effort to stem the Italian advance.

British Troops At Dawn Today Carried Out a Successful Offensive To the East of Ypres.

London, Sept. 20 .- The British forces on the Belgian front attacked the German positions at 5:40 o'clock this morning east of Ypres. Field Marshal Haig reports that satisfactory progress was made, and that the British already have captured some valuable posi-

The text of the British official statement announcing that Field Marshal Haig had taken the offensive this morning says:

"We attacked at 5:40 o'clock this morning on a wide front east of Ypres. Satisfactory progress is reported. Our troops already have captured same valuable positions."

The new British offensive, for which recent reports of heavy artillery bom bardments, aerial activity and raids into the German lines had prepared the public, commenced at daylight this morning.

The attack was made on a wide front east of Ypres, and according to Field Marshal Haig's report, satisfactory progress was made and valuable positions captured.

This attack apparently is a continuation of the earlier offensive which was brought to a stop by bad weather and the necessity of bringing up guns for the assault which was made this morning.

The British barrage swept the country like a broom. The Germans knew the attack was coming, but were unaware of its exact location.

There was a light rain last night, but the weather cleared this morning and the visibility is

CUTTING OFF SUB BASES. Field Marshal Haig's selection of the battlefront to the east of Ypres, in Belgium, as the scene of his latest offensive against the Germans indicates that it is a continuance of the expressed purpose of British commander-in-chief to force the armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria from the western coast of Belgium, and to cut the German submarine and airplane base on the North Sea from

Zeebrugge to Nieuport, including Ostend. TOWARD ROULERS. The British drive apparently is being made in the direction of Roulers and Courtrai, from which Belgian towns, according to recent dispatches from the Dutch frontier, the German military authorities have been evacuating the civilian population. That the British offensive had been in preparation for several

days was made known in recent statements of the German general army headquarters staff. The Germans reported that the British were cintaining a violent and destructive fire against the Teutonic positions, the bombardment frequently reaching the intensity of drum

ALL RETURNED MENKAISER HELD UP MADE RESPONSIBLE TO DISTRICT COMMANDER

Slackness in Matters of Discipline To Be Dealt With.

Camp Borden, Sept. 20.—Slackness in matters of discipline among returned men is to be jacked up, according to an order from militia headquarters just releived in camp. It serves notice for the mformation of all concerned that all nembers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who return to Canada, wheher on duty or otherwise, automatically ome under the immediate control in matters of discipline, etc., of the mili-

GERMANY IS CREATING NEW PEACE ATMOSPHERE

London, Sept. 20.—The attempt by the explanations asked for would be included in their own reply to the papa an atmosphere, or what is believed here to be another peace manoeuvre, again to be another peace manoeuvre, again least that of Great Britain, will depend to the companies of the Entente Allies, or a least that of Great Britain, will depend is given prominence in the morning newspapers, which are of the unani-mous opinion that there can be no Men are flocking to the Armories to mous opinion that there secure physical examinations, and each day the number of men who seek examinations.

ion House of Commons.

his home on William street early this Calgary morning from effects of an attack of grippe. Col. Smith had come from Ottawa a work ago, and was planning a Getting Reserves From Every Position month's hunting trip in Quebec. He took suddenly ill at dinner in the Fron-

TEUTONS' REPLY TO PEACE NOTE

Not Yet Received by Vatican -British Answer

Last.

Rome, Sept. 19.—Cardinal Gaspari, the papal secretary of state, tonight declared that the reply of the central powers to Pope Benedict's peace proposals had not yet been received at the Vatican. This is taken to prove that the statement recently published to the effect that the reply had left Berlin on Saturday is unitaria. matters of discipline, etc., of the military authorities in Canada. Officers, non-commissioned officers and men who are on furlough and all others who for any reason are not attached to any particular unit in Canada are directly responsible to the general or other officers commanding the district in which they are; and he may be considered for all purposes of discipline as their commanding officer.

GERMANY IS CREATING

THE WEATHER

Kingston, Sept. 20.—Col. Henry R. Smith, sergeant-et-arms of the Honse of Commons since 1872, died suddenly at Victoria. 122 46 the 24 hours

fine weather has prevailed in